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ePUB

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GPO's Electronic Publishing Support Section is an in-house desktop and electronic publishing consulting group. We service all Federal Government agencies who use GPO's Printing Procurement process.

By following the links to the left you can find out more about our services, download forms and the Publication 300.6 (Guidelines for Preparing and Submitting Electronic Design and Prepress Files), see the latest issue of our electronic magazine, plus get current information relating to electronic publishing.

Our services are FREE, so contact us with your questions or comments regarding Electronic or Digital Publishing Technology at (202) 512-1491 or by Internet e-mail at ditsg@gpo.gov

Have an electronic publishing question? ask ePUB

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Ask ePUB

- **Do you have a question you would like to ask ePUB?** (We will choose one to three questions and answer them in the next issue of ePUB Illustrated.)

- **Do you have a suggestion for ePUB?**
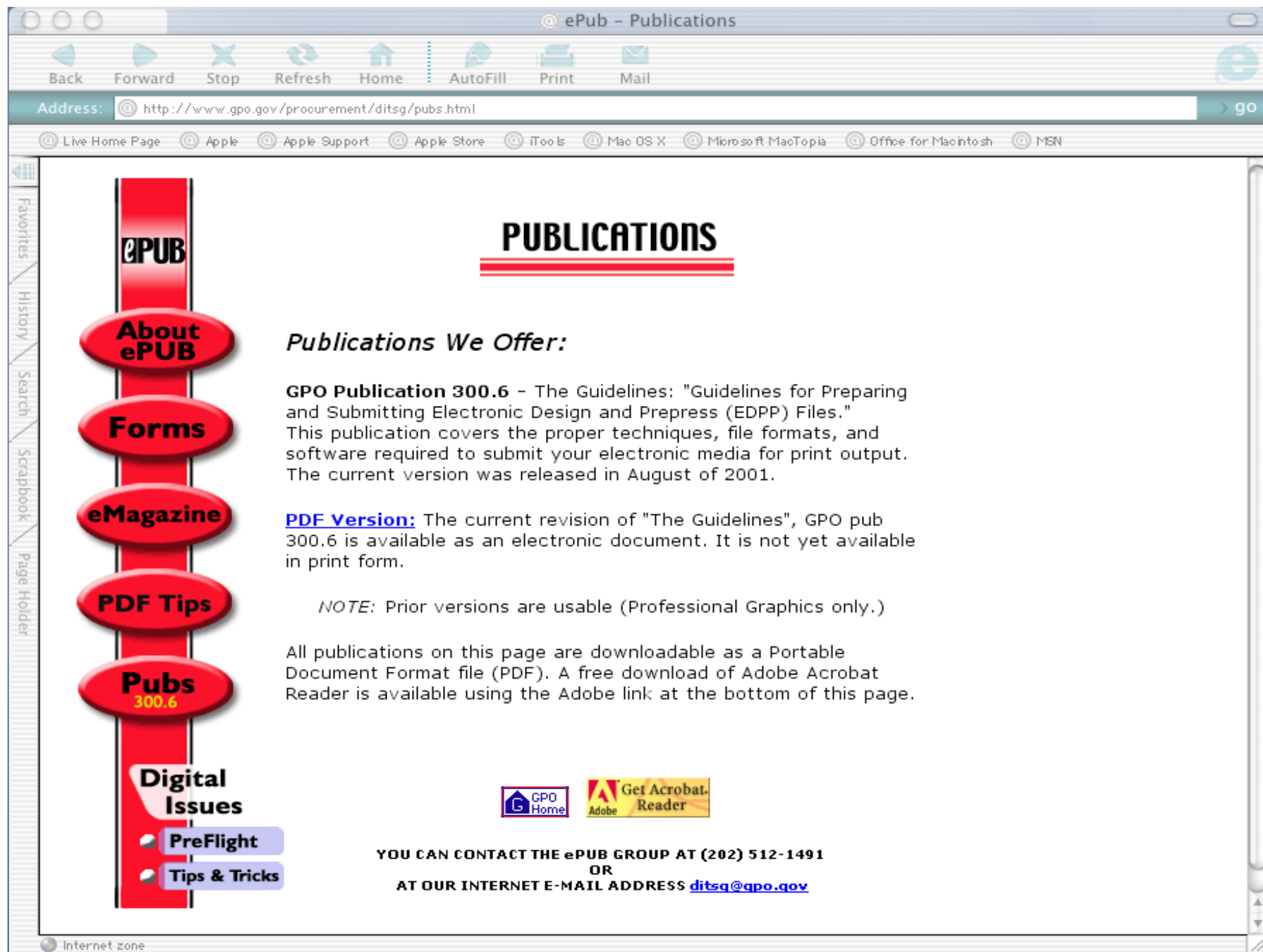
- **Don't forget your e-mail address!**

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Publications We Offer:

GPO Publication 300.6 – The Guidelines: "Guidelines for Preparing and Submitting Electronic Design and Prepress (EDPP) Files." This publication covers the proper techniques, file formats, and software required to submit your electronic media for print output. The current version was released in August of 2001.

PDF Version: The current revision of "The Guidelines", GPO pub 300.6 is available as an electronic document. It is not yet available in print form.

NOTE: Prior versions are usable (Professional Graphics only.)

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eMagazine

Welcome to the *ePUB Illustrated* electronic magazine page! We at the ePub group realized that the Government designers and publishers of the United States could be reached on a larger scale if we pooled our knowledge into an e-zine. The result of our efforts is found here. In *ePUB Illustrated* you will find the latest electronic publishing information and news of current trends in the industry.

Look for new issues bi-monthly!

Latest Issue: November 2001

Past Issues of *ePUB Illustrated*:

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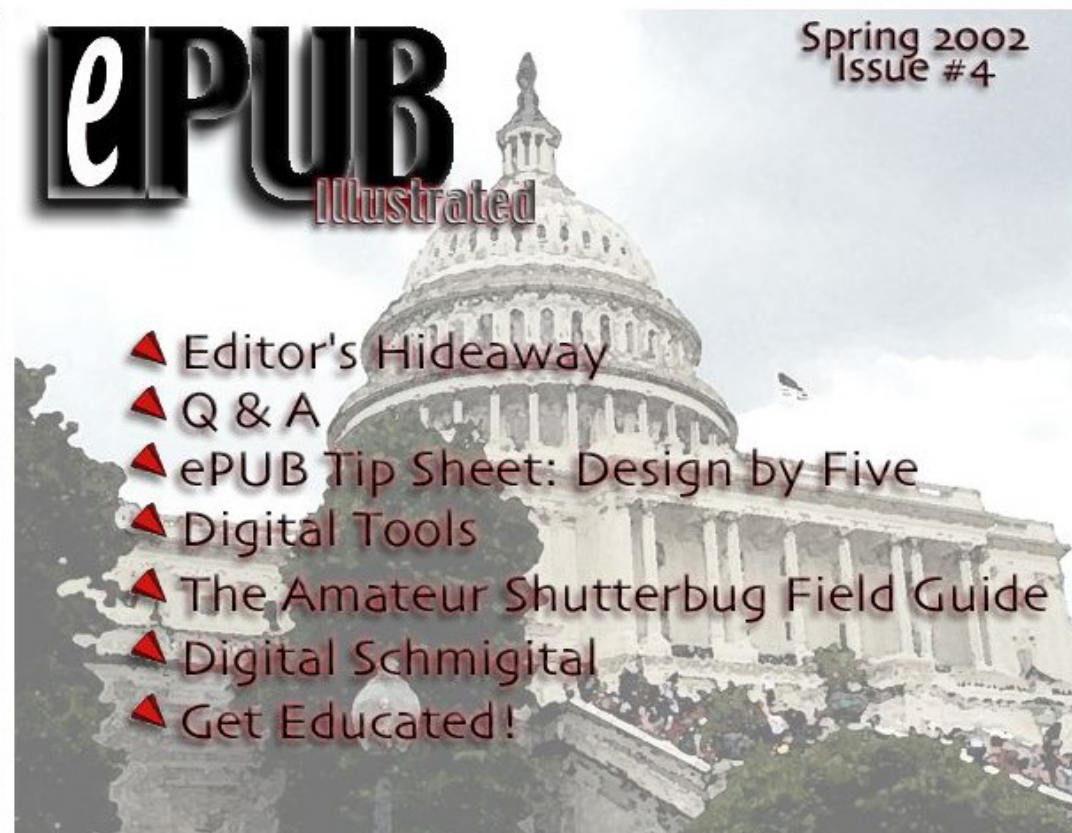
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Office Graphic Software

- Defined
- Most common
- Professional publishing software
- When should it be used?
- Why it shouldn't be used!
- ePUB recommendations

A Simple Definition

- **Software packages which have been specifically developed for non-publishing tasks.**

What Do We See?

- **Microsoft**
  - **Word**
  - **Excel**
  - **PowerPoint**
- **Corel WordPerfect**

In A Perfect World...

- **Adobe**
  - **InDesign**
  - **PageMaker**
  - **Illustrator**
  - **Photoshop**
- **Macromedia**
  - **Freehand**
- **QuarkXPress**

When To Use It

- **Word Processing**
  - Unformatted, black only text matter.
  - A vendor can export this text into a professional page layout package.
- **Mailing/Distribution List**
  - Create address data bases saving as delimited ASCII text (comma, tab, space, etc…)

Why It Shouldn't Be Used

- Color
- Page Integrity
- Non-Existent Prepress Features
- Graphic Support
- Image Creation
- Preflight
- Vendor Acceptance

Color

- **Industry accepted color modes**
  - **CMYK (Process)**
  - **Pantone Matching System (PMS)**

- **Office Graphic applications work only in RGB color mode and there is no support for either Process or PANTONE color!**

Page Integrity

- **Text Reflow**
  - **Printer metrics**
  - **PCL vs. Postscript**
  - **Fonts**

Prepress Features

- **Bleeds**
- **Trim marks**
- **Color separations**

Graphic Support

- .TIFF & .EPS
- Color shift
- Loss of info
- "Get info"

Image Creation

- Stroke weights
- Does not support .TIFF or .EPS
- Clip art

Preflight

- **Third party software (e.g., Preflight Pro, FlightCheck) does not currently support Office Graphic files (with the exception of FlightCheck Classic which now supports Microsoft Word for Mac OS).**

Vendor Acceptance

- **Most contractor's work in a Mac OS environment or a more robust prepress environment.**

ePUB Recommendations

- Camera Copy
- PDF
- Native Office Graphic Applications